Sl. No.	State/UT	Anganwadi Workers	Anganwadi Helpers
33.	Daman & Diu	87	87
34.	Lakshadweep	74	74
35.	Pondicherry	677	677
	All India:	730825	723676

Deteriorating condition of women

†2095. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United Nations institution UNICEF has made an assessment in its annual report published in the year 2006 that the condition of women in India is deteriorating constantly;

(b) if so, whether Government have seen the report; and

(c) the details of the report and the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) UNICEF's Annual Report 2006 has not so far been published.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Children died of malnutrition

2096. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1.2 million children under five die from malnutrition every year in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps being taken by Government to prevent children dying from malnutrition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Malnutrition is not a direct but an underlying cause of death as it

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

increases morbidity and mortality by reducing resistance to infections. No State Government, however, has reported deaths due to malnutrition.

(c) Since the problem of malnutrition is multi-sectoral, inter-generational in nature, it needs to be tackled through coordinated interventions in area of food security, safe drinking water, sanitation, nutrition, health & family welfare, poverty alleviation etc. The Government is already seized of the problem and a number of Schemes/Programmes are being implemented through various Ministries/Departments which have, direct or indirect, bearing on nutritional status of children. Some of these Schemes/Programmes are as under:

(i) Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme;

(ii) National Nutritional Anaemia Control Programme, (Ministry of Health & Family Welfare);

(iii) National Prophylaxis Programme against Blindness due to Vitamin-A (Ministry of Health & Family Welfare);

(iv) National Iodine Deficincy Control Programme (Ministry of Health & Family Welfare);

(v) Reproductive & Child Health Programme (Ministry of Health & Family Welfare);

(vi) National Rural Health Mission (Ministry of Health & Family Welfare);

(vii) Accelerated Rural Water Supply/Swajaldhara Programme & Total Sanitation Campaign (Ministry of Rural Development);

(viii) Poverty Alleviation Programmes (Ministry of Rural Development);

(IX) Targeted Public Distribution System (Deptt. of Food Consumer Affairs);

(x) A pilot project in 51 districts to provide free foodgrains to undernourished adolescent girls and pregnant & nursing mothers (Ministry of Women & Child Development).

Ministry of Women & Child Development also administers ICDS Scheme which aims at holistic development of children below the age of 6 years and pregnant & lactating mothers. The steps taken in the recent past to increase the effectiveness of the delivery of services under the Scheme include:

Expansion of Scheme

Doubling of financial norms for supplementary nutrition

Sharing of 50% cost of supplementary nutrition with the States

Constant emphasis on State to:

Ensure regular supply of supplementary nutrition as per schematic norms.

Ensure effective convergence of health nutrition, education and safe drinking water services under various programmes.

Creches in Tamil Nadu

2097. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no creche has been sanctioned to Tamil Nadu in the recent years;

(b) whether sanction of creches to Tamil Nadu under Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme is under consideration at present;

(c) the number of creches for the children of working mothers, State-wise; and

(d) the funds released in connection with creche schemes during the last five years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) State-wise details of Creches are given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).

(d) Details of State-wise funds are given in the enclosed Statement-II and III.

Statement-I

State-wise details of number of creches in the country

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Total No. of Creches Sanctioned
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3274
2.	Assam	625